



## **John F. Griego**

Juan Francisco Reynaldo Griego known to all as Ray was born June 10, 1945 to Jose Carpio and Frances Griego. He was the third son in the family that consisted of six boys and four girls. Most of the remaining family members are still residents of Santa Fe.

Ray graduated from Santa Fe High School in 1963. He played football, basketball and ran track during his school years.

Ray was pursuing a career as a plumber during the Vietnam conflict and was drafted into the United States Army. At that time there was a shortage of Marines so every tenth man that was drafted into the Army was transferred into the Marines and Ray was one of them.

He was killed on January 14, 1967 at the age of 21 after serving 10 months of his 12 month tour in Vietnam. At the time of his death he had one brother serving in the Army in Germany, one brother serving in the Air Force stateside and one brother who had just finished his stint in the Air Force.